

FUELWOOD INFORMATION

Available for Cutting:

Standing dead or down trees of any species that are located within areas open to fuelwood gathering are available for collection

For a standing evergreen to be considered dead—ALL needles must be red, brown, or absent

On-site collection of firewood for campfires is allowed and does not require a permit

NOT Available for Cutting:

Live / Green trees unless the tree is blown down, and the roots are exposed. A live tree is defined as a tree with any amount of green needles or foliage

Trees located within administrative sites, developed recreation sites, special use areas, commercial timber sales, Glenwood Canyon, ski areas and summer home group areas unless authorized in writing by the Forest Service

Trees marked with paint, signs, or posters (i.e. Timber Sale Area) unless authorized in writing by a Forest Officer

Trees that have bird cavities (holes), nests, or wildlife tree signs

Trees within a designated timber sale boundary. Timber Sale boundaries are marked with three vertical stripes using orange paint

Piles or “decks” of logs constructed by loggers. These decks are from timber sales that have been purchased from the Forest Service by the logger.

Cutting fuelwood from log decks is timber theft

Fuelwood cutting in wilderness areas is allowed for on-site use only and cannot be obtained using chainsaws or other motorized equipment



TRAVELING ON NATIONAL FOREST ROADS

Motorized travel is restricted to designated open roads throughout the Districts. Open roads are posted with a Forest Service road number

Off road vehicle access is restricted to within 300 feet of designated open roads, provided that resource damage does not occur

Do not block roads or trails with your vehicle

Respect all road closures. Do not drive around barriers or gates even if others have

Commercial timber sale areas will be designated on the ground with black and yellow signs and orange paint. These designations take precedence over the fuelwood cutting map. Please contact the district timber department at 827-5161 with any questions



SAFETY

Be sure to let someone know where you will be cutting and your expected return time, especially if you will be cutting alone

When felling trees make sure there are no targets (i.e. people, vehicles, etc.) within the falling radius

Comply with fire restrictions during dry summer months

Bring adequate supplies to avoid heat exhaustion and heat stress

Be aware of changing conditions. A road may be dry and passable in the morning and wet and muddy later in the day following afternoon thunderstorms

FUELWOOD GATHERING PROGRAM WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST



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PERMIT INFORMATION

Personal Use fuelwood permits are required to remove firewood from the Forest.

- Permits can be purchased at the Eagle Ranger District or the Holy Cross Ranger District
- Permits are \$10.00 per cord with a two-cord (\$20.00) minimum, with a maximum of ten cords per household per year
- Permits expire on December 31st of the calendar year issued
- Permit (2400-1) and removal tags must be in the permittees possession while cutting fuelwood
- Removal tags are for a maximum of 1/3 cord for each tag
- Fuelwood cutters must attach one removal tag for EACH 1/3 cord of wood in a location that is visible from the rear of the vehicle
- Removal Tags must be validated prior to removing fuelwood from the Forest. To validate sign the removal tag and punch or black out the month and day the fuelwood is transported



CUTTING YOUR FUELWOOD

- The maximum length of wood removed will be less than 8 feet on pieces that are 7 inches or larger in diameter
- Stumps should be cut to a height of 12 inches or less
- Limbs, tops and other debris should be scattered and kept clear of roadways, trails, and roadside ditches
- Chainsaws must be equipped with an approved spark arrestor device on a muffler that is in working order
- Comply with all local fire restrictions that may be effective during dry periods. Contact the local Ranger District to obtain current fire restriction information
- It is recommended that all firewood cutters have a fire extinguisher and shovel with them in case of fire
- Heavy equipment, including tractors, skidders and All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) may **NOT** be used to collect personal use fuelwood
- Motorized equipment and chainsaws may not be operated within wilderness areas
- **DO NOT** drop trees across roads, trails, fences, gates or other improvements, as it may damage resources and property, and may create hazards that pose a threat to public safety



* Allows 5.5 cubic feet for wheel wells

HOW MUCH WOOD IN A CORD?

Truck Type and Load Size	Size of Truck Bed	Maximum Volume in	Approximate Portion of a Cord
Mini Truck	6 x 1.5 x 4.75 ft	37.25	1/3
1/2 Ton or 3/4 Ton—Shortbed	6 x 2 x 4.5 ft	48.50	2/5
1/2 Ton or 3/4 Ton—Shortbed	6 x 4 x 4.5 ft	102.5	4/5
1/2 Ton or 3/4 Ton—Longbed	8 x 2.5 x 4.5 ft	84.5	2/3
1/2 Ton or 3/4 Ton—Longbed loaded Cab High	8 x 4 x 4.5 ft	138.5	1 1/5



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